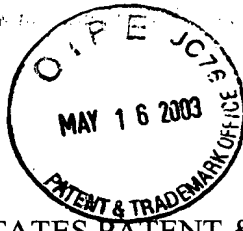


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 25, 26 and 27 as follows:

25. (New) A magnetoresistive device, comprising:

a magnetization pinned layer of which magnetization direction is substantially pinned to one direction;

A a magnetization free layer of which magnetization direction is changed in accordance with an external magnetic field;

a nonmagnetic intermediate layer formed between the magnetization pinned layer and the magnetization free layer; and

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